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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Locke Street Sewer Separation Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Haverhill, located at 40 South Porter Street Haverhill, MA 01835. The funding would be used for first of three phases of a combined sewer separation project, which will separate approximately 3,500 LF of combined sewers in the Locke Street area of Haverhill, Massachusetts by installing new storm drainage pipe, disconnecting catch basins from the sanitary sewer and connecting them to the separate storm sewer, and rehabilitating existing sewers and manholes. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project is critical to helping the City reduce the volume and frequency of combined sewer overflow (CSO) discharges from the three CSO regulators within the Locke Street Area to the Little River and Merrimack River. EPA and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection understand the importance of improving the water quality of the Little River and Merrimack River by reducing CSO events and they included such in their Consent Decree with the City. The less stormwater that flows through the combined sewer system will result in less flow that needs to be treated at the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). When the WWTF capacity is exceeded during rain events, the excess wastewater is bypassed after only receiving primary treatment and disinfection before it is discharged into the Merrimack River.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 219(f)(337) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori Trahan".

Lori Trahan
Member of Congress